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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Request for Continued Examination(RCE)

1. This action is issued in reply to applicant's request for Continued Examination(RCE) filed 9/9/04.
2. Claims 1,3-8,10-12,18,25 were amended. No claims were deleted. None were added.
3. Claims 1-26 as amended, are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 1-7,10-11,25-26 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by "User's Guide, Borland Paradox for Windows" Borland International, Inc. v5.0 1994(Paradox). The rejection as cited in the Final Office Action dated 3/11/04 is maintained and referenced.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. Claims 8-9,12-24 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over "User's Guide, Borland Paradox for Windows" Borland International Inc. v5.0 1994 (Paradox) in view of Official Notice. The rejections as cited in the Final Office Action dated 3/11/04 are maintained and referenced.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. Claims 2,13,20 are rejected under 35 USC 101 has failing to provide a concrete, useful and tangible output.
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Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments are not persuasive. Applicant has amended the rejected claims solely with the means of automation and distinct formats. Automating a known process is not a basis for novelty. Obtaining information and data electronically encompasses the feature of automatically performing the operation. In the words of the claims, a "plurality of formats" includes a "plurality of different formats" by its multiplicity. rejection.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE NON-FINAL.**

Questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday at 703-306-5844. If examiner cannot be reached, the superior, Mrs. Wynn Coggins, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1344.

October 19,2004



10/19/04

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